



Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 7:30 pm
Heidelberg Youth Chamber Orchestra

The High River Gift of Music Society is delighted to welcome back this brilliant youth chamber orchestra. Their electrifying performances have impressed audiences throughout Europe and Canada. Under the leadership of renowned conductor Thomas Kalb, these extraordinary young musicians make up one of the best chamber ensembles in Europe. The programme for High River includes works by Shostakovich, Mendelssohn and the premiere of a recently discovered manuscript by French composer Louis Gouvy. "I was amazed at the quality of this youth ensemble. The sound quality, the phrasing, the articulation and colours were simply outstanding. Bravo Thomas!" Marco Parisoto, Musical Director, Ontario Philharmonic Orchestra.



Saturday, September 17 at 7:30 pm
Julian Clef, pianist

Join us for a sensational evening as this young pianist from India makes his North American debut. He has astonished the musical world with his technical wizardry since beginning his first formal training in London, England in 2006. Winner of the Beethoven Inter-Collegiate Competition, the William Mathias Festival Piano Competition and the Royal Northern College of Music Concerto Competition, Julian has performed throughout Europe and India as a soloist and as guest pianist with various orchestras. Known for his performances of great beauty, "Julian has a musical and pianistic maturity well beyond his years...with which he brings the music so vividly to life." Benjamin Frith.



Photo by Janette Beckman

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 3:00 pm
Brasil Guitar Duo, Joao Luis & Douglas Lora

Masterful virtuosos of the guitar, Joao Luis and Douglas Lora move with ease between classical and world music. Winners of the 2006 Concert Artists Guild International Competition, they perform throughout the world as a duo and with major orchestras. Their debut for the Naxos record label elicited many stellar reviews. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear these international stars. "It would be hard to imagine a better performance...This is wonderful music played at the highest interpretive level." American Record Guide



Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 3:00 pm
Russell Braun, lyric baritone & Carolyn Maule, pianist

"One of the world's most beautiful baritone voices", (New York Newsday), Canadian opera sensation Russell Braun has performed on all the great stages of the world including the Metropolitan Opera in New York, L'Opera de Paris, the State Opera in Vienna, La Scala in Milan and the Salzburg and the Glyndebourne Festivals. The High River Gift of Music Society is thrilled to welcome Russell to High River. He will be accompanied by the popular pianist, Carolyn Maule. Join us for a very special afternoon of music with one of the greatest baritone voices in the world. Russell Braun gives a "heart-felt delivery that will be etched in memory" for the Canadian Opera Company's Diamond Anniversary Gala Concert.

Special Performance



Photo by Brian Blevins

Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 7:30pm
Arnold Choi, cellist

Calgary-born cellist Arnold Choi now resides in Los Angeles. He frequently performs as soloist and as a member of the popular Janaki String Trio. A prize-winner at Korea's Gyeongnam International Music Competition, Choi has also won the Pasadena Showcase Competition, the Kingsville International String Competition, the Canadian National Music Festival, the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal, SM Standard Life Competition and others. He performs regularly with major symphony orchestras around the world. We are pleased to welcome Arnold back to his native Alberta. "With great mastery of this instrument...there was a particular sweetness to Arnold Choi's playing that earned him many shouts of bravo and a standing ovation." Penticton Western News, 2009.

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